

**Tribal Transportation Planning Organization
Host Tribe - Samish Indian Nation
Fidalgo Bay Resort, Anacortes, WA
April 2, 2008**

I. Welcome, Introductions

Kirk Vinish opened the meeting and introduced the host tribe, the Samish Indian Nation.

II. Samish Indian Nation Transportation Projects

Nicole Herman, Transportation Planner from the Samish Indian Nation described a safety-related improvement on a road where, in a 4-year time period there were 22 collisions and 4 fatalities. The Samish are also working on Meadow Creek Bridge, and a possible roundabout at Sharp's Corner. The Samish have decided to accept responsibility for Fidalgo Bay Road as local government has denied ownership. The road needs major improvement and will be a long-term project for the Samish.

Nicole introduced the tribe's Natural Resources Director, Christine Woodward, who explained the history of the Fidalgo Bay Resort waterfront property, and a tribal project to restore shellfish beds. Several enhancements and restoration efforts are underway on the waterfront property.

III. Approve Minutes

The January 23, 2008 TTPO meeting minutes were reviewed, and approved with revisions noted. The revisions will be forwarded to Annette Nesse.

IV. Old Business

There was no Old Business to discuss, Kirk proceeded with the agenda.

V. Secretary Hammond meeting February 28, 2008

Kirk Vinish reported on his meeting with Secretary Hammond and her staff on February 27, 2008. Kirk came away from the meeting with two important commitments from the Secretary. The first is her commitment to meet with the TTPO officers twice a year, the second is a commitment by WSDOT to fund a full-time TTPO Executive Director position for a 12 month time period and ½ time after the first 12 months. Larry Ehl of WSDOT Government Relations, is tasked with follow-up.

At the meeting, Kirk followed the topic list created at the November 2007 SWAT team meeting held in Spokane. The Secretary re-affirmed WSDOT's continued support of the

- Signage is inadequate on reservations and WSDOT regions are inconsistent in their willingness to make improvements.

Action Items

1. Colleen Jollie and Julie Rodwell are asked to follow-up on the funding commitment for the TTPO Executive Director.
2. Colleen Jollie, or Julie Rodwell are asked to find out who in WSDOT will follow-up on Larry Ehl's task assignments from the 2/27/08 meeting between the Secretary's staff and the TTPO as he has left WSDOT.
3. The TTPO will finish the TTPO purpose statement/mission.
4. Place the Centennial Accord plans discussion on future TTPO meeting agendas.
5. Casey Stevens will direct the Executive Director subcommittee to begin work on hiring a TTPO Executive Director.
6. Kirk Vinish will distribute his notes from the 2/27/08 meeting.
7. TTPO members are to bring a list of topics to the next meeting for development of the next meeting agenda with the Secretary.
8. TTPO Officers will ask for a June 2008 date for the next meeting with the Secretary.

Announcements and additions to the agenda followed the discussion about the Secretary Hammond meeting.

WSDOT Bike and Pedestrian Plan

Paula Reeves, WSDOT Highway and Local Programs, encouraged tribes to review and comment on the new Bike/Pedestrian plan. Kirk Vinish added that project scoring and selection for highway projects should include consideration for bike/pedestrian projects.

Jones & Jones, Landscape architects

Tom Carlson and Charlie Scott of Jones & Jones reviewed current projects they are working on. A project in Montana may be a good case study project that the TTPO can use. The TTPO is interested in outreach to consultants who work with tribes on transportation projects. Jones & Jones offered to host the next TTPO meeting.

Tribal Sovereignty Workshops

The Department of Revenue sponsored workshops around the state on Tribal Sovereignty which got good reviews from the TTPO members who attended.

VI. TTPO Sponsorship and Funding

This discussion resulted in a reaffirmation by the TTPO to finish and adopt the purpose statement document. Jim Longley said that it is the intent of the TTPO to be fully

Colleen spoke of the importance of having current safety data and reminded the TTPO that Geneva Hawkins of the Traffic Data Office of WSDOT is ready to input any collision data from tribes.

XI. Announcements/Good of the Order/Next Meeting

The next meeting of the TTPO will be on July 9, 2008 either at Makah or at the Jones & Jones offices in Seattle. Kirk will follow-up with Greig Arnold of Makah to confirm.